

Amendment to the specification:

Amend the paragraph bridging pages 48-49 of the specification as indicated:

The solvent for crystallization can be selected according to the species of the reaction product. When the reaction product is a low or weakly polar compound (such as an oxidation reaction product of a monocyclic C₄₋₁₆cycloalkane), it is preferred that a hydrocarbon or chain ether is employed as the solvent for crystallization. When the reaction product is a highly polar compound (e.g., a water-soluble compound; the oxidation product of a polycycloalkane having plural bridgeheads), it is preferred that water is employed as the solvent for crystallization.